

1 **CLAIMS**

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3 *AV* 1. A method of searching streaming media presentations, the method
4 comprising:

5 receiving a search request including search criteria;
6 determining a temporal location in a streaming media presentation that
7 corresponds to data of the media presentation that matches the search criteria; and
8 returning an indication of the temporal location to a source of the request.

9 2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising saving a media
10 data stream of the media presentation locally at a client computer if data in the
11 media presentation matches the search criteria, otherwise not saving the media
12 data stream locally at the client computer.

13 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises
14 checking, for each of a plurality of individual media streams of the media
15 presentation, whether data of the media stream matches the search criteria.

16 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises
17 comparing data of media streams corresponding to a plurality of different media
18 presentations to the search criteria.

19 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporal location
20 comprises a presentation time of the media presentation.
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1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the media presentation
2 comprises a composite media stream including a plurality of individual media
3 streams.

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5 7. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
6 seeking to the temporal location; and
7 streaming of the media presentation to a client based on the temporal
8 location.

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10 8. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the streaming comprises
11 streaming the media presentation to the client beginning at the temporal location.

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13 9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the returning comprises
14 displaying the indication to a user.

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16 10. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the receiving comprises
17 receiving the request from a client computer via a network.

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19 11. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the receiving comprises
20 receiving the request, at an index server, from a media server via a network.

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22 12. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises:
23 accessing an index corresponding to an individual media data stream of the
24 media presentation;
25 checking whether the search criteria matches data in the index; and

1 if the search criteria matches data in the index, then identifying a
2 presentation time of the media presentation at which the search criteria are
3 satisfied.

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5 13. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the search criteria
6 comprises user-specified criteria.

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8 14. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the returning comprises
9 sending the indication from an index server to a media server that is a source of at
10 least part of the media presentation.

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12 15. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
13 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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16 ~~16.~~ An apparatus comprising:
17 a memory device to store a plurality of multimedia data streams
18 corresponding to a streaming multimedia presentation; and
19 a search engine, coupled to the memory device, to,
20 receive a search request corresponding to the multimedia
21 presentation,
22 determine whether any of the multimedia data streams
23 corresponding to the multimedia presentation satisfy search criteria
24 corresponding to the search request, and
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1 return an indication of whether any of the multimedia data streams
2 satisfy the search criteria.

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4 17. An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the memory device
5 comprises a random access memory.

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7 18. An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus
8 comprises a multimedia server and the search engine is to receive the search
9 request from a client computer via a network.

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11 19. An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus
12 comprises a multimedia server and the search engine is to determine whether any
13 of the multimedia data streams satisfy the search criteria by forwarding the search
14 criteria to an index server.

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16 20. An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus
17 comprises a client computer and the search engine is to receive a search request
18 from a user of the client computer.

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20 21. An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus is to
21 determine whether any of the multimedia data streams satisfy the search criteria by
22 comparing, for each of the multimedia data streams, the search criteria to index
23 data for the multimedia data stream.

1 **22.** An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus is to
2 determine whether any of the multimedia data streams satisfy the search criteria by
3 comparing, for each of the multimedia data streams, the search criteria to the data
4 of the multimedia data stream.

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6 **23.** An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein:
7 the apparatus further comprises a streaming component to manage
8 streaming of the multimedia data streams to a client computer;
9 the search engine is to identify a temporal location of the multimedia data
10 streams that satisfies the search criteria and forward the temporal location to the
11 streaming component; and
12 the streaming component is to stream the multimedia data streams to the
13 client computer at a beginning temporal location based on the identified temporal
14 location.

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16 **24.** An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the apparatus further
17 comprises a data saving component to receive the multimedia data streams from a
18 multimedia server and store the multimedia data streams in the memory device.

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20 **25.** A system comprising:
21 a client computer, coupled to a network, to receive streaming data via the
22 network; and
23 a multimedia server, coupled to the network, to stream the streaming data to
24 the client computer, the multimedia server including one or more index files
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1 corresponding to the streaming data and a search engine to check whether data in
2 the index files matches search criteria received from the client computer.

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4 26. A system as recited in claim 25, wherein the client computer
5 comprises a demultiplexer to separate the streaming data into individual media
6 streams, and a data saver to save the individual media streams at the client
7 computer.

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9 27. A system comprising:
10 a client computer, coupled to a network, to receive streaming data via the
11 network;
12 a multimedia server, coupled to the network, to stream the streaming data to
13 the client computer; and
14 an index server, coupled to the network, to store index files corresponding
15 to the streaming data and to check, upon receipt of a search request, whether any
16 portion of the streaming data matches search criteria of the search request based at
17 least in part on the contents of the index files.

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19 28. A method comprising:
20 identifying a set of search criteria to be compared to data of a streaming
21 media presentation;
22 transmitting the set of search criteria to a server; and
23 receiving an indication of whether the search criteria match any portion of
24 the streaming media presentation.
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1 29. A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the receiving an indication
2 comprises receiving the streaming media presentation beginning at a temporal
3 location corresponding to a portion of the streaming media presentation that
4 matches the search criteria.

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6 30. A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the transmitting comprises
7 transmitting the set of search criteria to an index server.

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9 31. A method as recited in claim 28, further comprising storing the
10 streaming media presentation locally.

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12 32. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
13 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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16 33. A method comprising:
17 receiving a plurality of media streams as streaming data from a multimedia
18 server;
19 storing the plurality of media streams locally; and
20 generating a markup document describing how the plurality of media
21 streams are to be presented and referencing the locally stored plurality of media
22 streams.

1 **34.** A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the receiving the plurality
2 of media streams comprises receiving the plurality of streams as a composite
3 media stream.

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5 **35.** A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the generating comprises:
6 receiving, from the multimedia server, an original markup document
7 referencing the plurality of media streams stored at the multimedia server; and
8 modifying the original markup document to reference the plurality of
9 locally stored media streams rather than the plurality of media streams stored at
10 the multimedia server.

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12 **36.** A method as recited in claim 33, further comprising:
13 receiving a search request with search criteria; and
14 accessing the locally stored plurality of media streams to determine whether
15 the search criteria is satisfied by a portion of the plurality of media streams.

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17 **37.** A method as recited in claim 33, further comprising:
18 receiving a plurality of index files corresponding to the plurality of media
19 streams; and
20 storing the plurality of index files locally.

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22 **38.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
23 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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1 ~~39.~~ One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a
2 computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one
3 or more processors to perform functions including:

4 receiving a markup document, from a multimedia server, that references a
5 plurality of multimedia data streams at one or more remote media servers, and that
6 identifies how the plurality of multimedia data streams are to be presented at a
7 client computer;

8 receiving the plurality of multimedia data streams from the one or more
9 remote media servers;

10 storing the plurality of multimedia data streams locally at the client
11 computer;

12 modifying the markup document to reference the plurality of locally stored
13 multimedia data streams rather than the plurality of remotely stored multimedia
14 data streams; and

15 storing the modified markup document.

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17 40. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 39,
18 wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to
19 perform functions including subsequently using the modified markup document to
20 present the plurality of locally stored multimedia data streams at the client
21 computer.

1 **41.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 39,
2 wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to
3 perform functions including combining the plurality of locally stored multimedia
4 data streams and the modified markup document into a common location.

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6 **42.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 39,
7 wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to
8 perform functions including:

9 receiving a plurality of index files corresponding to the plurality of
10 multimedia data streams; and

11 storing the plurality of index files locally at the client computer.

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13 **43.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 42,
14 wherein the computer program further causes the one or more processors to
15 perform functions including:

16 receiving a search request from a user;

17 checking the plurality of locally stored index files to determine whether any
18 portion of the locally stored multimedia data streams correspond to the search
19 request; and

20 indicating to the user whether any portion of the locally stored multimedia
21 data streams correspond to the search request.

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